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Competitive Summer 2011 Job Market Forecast For Michigan Teens (16-19)

Lansing – The Michigan Department of Technology, Management & Budget has released its summer teen employment forecast for 2011. Although the Michigan labor market has shown recent signs of improvement, competition for available jobs remains high. As a result, the teen labor market situation will likely remain extremely competitive during the summer of 2011.

“Securing a summer job is often a challenge for many teens, even in the best of labor market conditions,” said Rick Waclawek, director of the Department of Technology, Management & Budget’s Bureau of Labor Market Information and Strategic Initiatives. “This year, teens will likely face increased competition from adults for available jobs. However, there are specific industries and occupations that produce significant numbers of job openings each year for young workers.”

The share of teens active in the job market is expected to decline during the summer of 2011, both nationally and in Michigan, as it has throughout the past decade. As a result, 274,100 teens are projected to seek a job this summer (June-August), down by over 13,000 from the summer of 2010. Of these teens, an estimated 190,200 are expected to be employed, a slight increase of 3,600 over last summer’s historic low.

These shifts will result in a Michigan forecast teen unemployment rate of 30.6 percent, a decline of 4.4 percentage points from the summer of 2010’s unprecedented high. This reduction in the unemployment rate is anticipated to result in 16,700 fewer unemployed teens compared with last summer.

	Teen Labor Force	Teen Employment	Teen Unemployment	Teen Unemployment Rate (%)
Summer 2010 (Actual)	287,200	186,600	100,600	35.0
Summer 2011 (Forecast)	274,100	190,200	83,900	30.6
Change	-13,100	3,600	-16,700	-4.4

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The following summer job search tips are offered for teens:

- Start looking early
- Keep looking
- Visit local businesses
- Let friends/neighbors know you are looking for work
- Talk with school guidance counselors
- Use on-line job boards and newspaper want-ads
- Think about self-employment: lawn service, pet sitting, etc.

In addition, listed below are some key items that may help to make a good first impression with employers:

- Dress appropriately
- Be on time to the interview
- Be well groomed
- Bring information needed to complete an application
- Have a list of a few references
- Maintain a positive attitude

Industries and occupations typically providing good job prospects for teens are listed in the tables below.

Teen Summer Employment Opportunities by Industry & Occupation	
Opportunities by Industry	
• Agriculture	• Gift/ Sporting Goods/Book Stores
• Amusement & Recreation Services	• Grocery Stores
• Camps	• Hotels & Motels
• Department Stores / Retail Stores	• Museums / Galleries / Zoos
• Fruit & Vegetable Stores	• Restaurants
Opportunities by Occupation	
• Camp Counselor	• Golf Course Worker
• Car Washer	• Library Aide
• Cashier	• Office Clerk
• Delivery Person	• Receptionist
• Fast Food Worker	• Sales Clerk
• Waiter / Waitress	• Stock Clerk
• Food Market Clerk	• Usher / Attendant

Teens are encouraged to contact Michigan Works! at 1-800-285-WORKS to determine if they qualify for Workforce Investment Act (WIA) Youth Programs. Michigan Works! (<http://michiganworks.org>) also provides assistance in resume development and job search, and provides access to the Michigan Talent Bank (www.michworks.org).

Labor force participants under 18 years of age are subject to the Youth Employment Standards Act (YESA), PA 90 of 1978. Information on the YESA can be found at: <http://www.michigan.gov/lara>. Click on *Wage Hour Division / Forms & Publications / Workers*.

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